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## **DEPARTMENT SEEKS EDUCATION COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS FOR INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF EVALUATIONS**

(BOISE) -- The Idaho State Department of Education (SDE) is seeking volunteers from the education community to serve on its new Professional Evaluation Review Committee.

The committee is being formed in response to H0296, passed by the legislature this year, which calls for an independent annual review by the SDE of a random sample of teacher evaluations completed by local school district administrators and to annually report the findings of the review.

The SDE has been assigned this responsibility by the legislature to determine how evaluators are fully utilizing the state standards, which are based on the Charlotte Danielson Framework for Teaching.

The new law also requires administrative evaluators to participate in ongoing training for the state's teacher evaluation system, to help ensure it is being used effectively and uniformly.

The Danielson model for evaluations uses four major domains and 22 components to evaluate the professional practice of teachers for the purpose of identifying their strengths and weaknesses in an effort to encourage their growth and effectiveness in the classroom.

Lisa Colón, the director of teacher certification and professional standards for the state department, said it was her hope the new law would help the department better identify specific local needs for professional development assistance and the most effective means of providing support to districts.

The Professional Evaluation Review Committee (PERC) will identify the criteria for conducting the spot checks, discuss the best evaluation procedures and systems, and draft proposed rules and regulations for implementation of the new law to be presented to the State Board of Education and the Idaho Legislature. Colón said she expects the committee would reach beyond its membership for ideas, comments and feedback on its work.

The committee will be composed of education stakeholders representing teachers, administrators and higher education, utilizing both volunteers and membership recommendations from collaborative groups such as the Idaho Education Association, the Idaho Association of School Administrators and the Idaho School Board Association.

Anyone who would like to volunteer should contact Lisa Colón at (208) 332-6886 or by email at [lcolon@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:lcolon@sde.idaho.gov). The deadline for participation is Friday, July 3, 2015.

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